

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15, 16, and 17 now stand in the application, claims 3, 14, 18 and 19 having been canceled and claim 18 incorporated into claim 1. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are now respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 8-13 and indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3 and 18. Claim 1 now corresponds to claim 18 rewritten in independent form, and claims 3, 14 and 19 have been canceled as redundant. All claims in the application now depend directly or indirectly from allowable claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

An extension of time is requested, and the required fee is being separately authorized through the Electronic Filing System (EFS). The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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